

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Paid parental leave

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.

For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:

All employees with more than 12 months service who earn less than \$150,000 per annum and are the primary care giver of the child are eligible to receive payment under the government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme. As eligibility is based on primary caring responsibility, the number of eligible staff cannot be identified. To 31 January 2012 three staff members have been determined by Centrelink as eligible to receive the Government's Paid Parental Leave.

For this financial year to 31 January 2012 the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman is providing eligible employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. There is one staff member who has been in receipt of these payments.